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Pursuant to the "good cause" standard in the Department's rules of practice at 14 CFR § 302.9, Petitioner, a travel service company, American Express Travel Related Services, hereby requests that the Department extend from January 14, 2003, to March 16, 2003, the due date for initial comments on its November 15, 2002, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM") in this proceeding and from February 13, 2003, to May 15, 2003, the due date for reply comments. In effect, Petitioner seeks a 120-day initial comment period in place of the 60-day period contemplated in the NPRM, followed by a 60-day period, in lieu of a 30-day period, for replies. Petitioner also hereby request that



the Department extend the sunset period set forth in 14 CFR § 255.12 of the current CRS rules from March 31, 2003, to September 30, 2003. Such an extension would accommodate the comment period extension requested here and remove uncertainty among travel distribution businesses over the governing rules that will apply while the Department considers the numerous comments that it will undoubtedly receive in response to its NPRM.

Petitioner also request that the Department act on this Petition no later than December 6, 2002, in order that they may know as soon as possible what deadlines they must plan to meet in this critically important proceeding.

In support of these requests, Petitioner asks that the comments submitted as OST-1997-2881-301, or those submitted by Sabre, the Interactive Travel Service Association, Galileo International, Rosenbluth Travel, the National Business Travel Association, Amadeus Global Travel, the American Society of Travel Agents, and the National Consumers league shall be endorsed by American Express Travel Related Services.